### GENERAL / ASSEMBLY OCCUPANCY PLAN CORRECTION LIST

# USE THE SPECIFIC OCCUPANCY CORRECTION LIST IN CONJUCTION WITH THIS GENERAL CORRECTION LIST

Plans have been reviewed for compliance with the 2006 International Building Code (excluding Chapter 11), 2006 International Mechanical Code, 2006 IFC International Fire Code, 2006 International Fuel Gas Code, [Rule 0780-2-2-.01] And one of the following standards for the enforcement of the Tennessee Public Building Accessibility Act - 2002 North Carolina Accessibility Code with the 2004 Amendments, or USDoJ currently enforced Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS – August 7, 1984), or USDoJ currently enforced Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG – 1991 with 1994 Revisions). [TCA 68-120-204]

Correction list are not all inclusive. See additional comments on the cover sheet.

**Please Note:** Items listed require correction by revised plans, addenda, field orders, or change orders before plans are approved for construction. Answers in letter form are *not* acceptable. **Starting construction before plans approval may be considered as just cause, by the State, to issue a stop work order.** [Rule 0780-2-3-.02(1)]

## **PROCEDURES**

- 1. Provide two copies of plans and one copy of specifications sealed (with signature and date) by a Tennessee registrant in accordance with the Architects and Engineers Licensing Law Rules. [Rule 0780-2-3-.03 and A&E Rule 0120-2-.08(3)] If revisions are submitted, two copies are required.
- 2. Buildings must be designed to the minimum State of Tennessee adopted codes and standards.

Provide the following code information on the cover sheet of the plans for new and existing buildings:

- A. ICC International Building Code, 2006 edition, including IFC International Fire Code, 2006 edition, ICC International Fuel Gas Code, 2006 edition, and ICC International Mechanical Code, 2006 edition [Rule 0780-2-2-.01]
- B. One of the following standards for the enforcement of the Tennessee Public Building Accessibility Act 2002 North Carolina Accessibility Code with the 2004 Amendments, or USDoJ currently enforced Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS August 7, 1984), or USDoJ currently enforced Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG 1991 with 1994 Revisions). [TCA 68-120-204]
- C. Occupancy Group per Chapter 3, IBC, 2006 edition
- D. Identify whether there is a proposed change of occupancy for this project. Show previous and proposed occupancies
- E. Construction Type, protected or unprotected, sprinklered or unsprinklered per Chapter 6, IBC
- F. Number of stories, and/or height of building
- G. Area of building according to IBC Table 503 for new and existing. Show building area modification calculations per IBC Section 506
- 3. Provide a summary statement explaining the project's Scope of Work on the design drawing that shows the project's codes analysis.

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- 4. Provide a Life Safety Plan showing:
  - A. Occupant load with occupant load factors for each space based on its intended use [IBC Section 1004 and Table 1004.1.1]
  - B Number of occupants exiting the building through exit stairways and exterior exit doors (clear width) according to design as compared to exit capacity of a door or stair system (whichever is more restrictive based on number of people) [IBC Table 1005.1 & IFC Table 1005.1]
  - C. Travel distance measurement from most remote point within a story to the entrance to an exit alone the natural and unobstructed path of egress travel. [IBC 1016.1]
    - D. Provide accessible means of egress to a public way identifying location of any area of refuge and any elevator for unsprinklered buildings [IBC Section 1007, and NCAC 6.3]
    - E. Show accessible means of egress from all required exterior exit doors leading to a public way (to parking lot street level which leads to public way) without steps [NCAC 6.3.1]
    - F. Show all fire-resistance rated wall limits for occupancy separations, building compartmentation walls, exit access corridors, stair exit ways, elevator shafts, mechanical system shafts, and separations from hazards such as storage rooms (50 sf or larger), janitor closets, gas furnace rooms, and laboratories

5.	[Rule 0780]
6.	The fee has been calculated incorrectly. Balance due is We are refunding The refund process takes approximately 6 to 8 weeks.
7.	Information on the plans review submittal is incorrect as follows:
8.	Code deficiencies cited in the inspection report (dated/requested)must be addressed.

9. NOTE: In order to expedite processing of this project please refer to "TFM NUMBER" on transmittal letter when submitting any correspondence, plans, and specifications.

## **GENERAL**

- 1. Identify use of rooms and spaces on all drawings.
- 2. Provide design live load values on plans for wind, roof, floor, stairs, guard and hand railings, seismic per IBC 1603.1.5, etc. [IBC Section 1603] For existing buildings that have not been reviewed and approved by our office, provide "as built" plans from a Tennessee licensed structural engineer or an evaluation report sealed, signed, and

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dated from a Tennessee licensed structural engineer. The evaluation report must show the design live loads for wind, roof, floors, stairs guard, hand railings, and seismic.

- 3. Provide door and door hardware schedule. Show fire ratings for rated assemblies [IBC 1008.1.8.1 thru 1008.3.2]
- 4. Provide glazing schedule. Specify size and type of glazing. Indicate location of fireresistance rated wire glazing or tempered (safety) glazing on door, door frames, and window elevations. [IBC 715.4.6, 2406]
- 5. Provide interior finish schedule. [IBC Table 803.5]
- 6. Provide legend for all fire-resistance rated wall enclosures to identify specific ratings and their limits (i.e., smoke partitions, smoke barriers, one, two, four-hour ratings, and 2/3/4-fire walls) (Show on Life Safety Plan and ALL Floor Plans.)
- 7. Show wall fire-resistance ratings on structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and fire protection sprinkler system drawings. [Legend shall match Architectural Drawings]
- Provide a note on the structural design drawings identifying that "The pre-engineered metal building for this project must be designed and sealed by a Tennessee registered engineer and that the design loads and seismic design criteria must be equal to or exceed the Tennessee registered structural engineer's stated edition of the building code and project design loads.
- 9. Provide the entire third party tested assembly details on plans for any fire-resistance rated wall, column, beam, floor/ceiling, roof/ceiling assemblies, fire rated head-of-wall joints, curtain walls, and fire stopping penetrations through fire rated construction. Provide details in their entirety which include design illustrations and material specifications without modification or manipulation (see "Important Information For Users Of This Directory, Use of This Directory" in Volume 1 of the most recent printed Fire Resistance Directory or at the bottom of each "record" (i.e., UL system number) on the online certification directory available <a href="http://www.ul.com">http://www.ul.com</a> for UL's terms and conditions of use).
  - A. Fire Rated Walls, Columns, Beams, Floor/Ceiling and Roof/Ceiling Assemblies. Show what UL or other assembly number is being used for the fire rated walls, floor/ceiling, and roof/ceiling assemblies. [IBC Section 703] Prescriptive fire-resistance rated building elements may be used for existing structures when evaluating and determining fire resistive capacities of existing assemblies. [IBC Section 720]
  - B. Fire Rated Joint Systems. Show what UL or other assembly number is being used for fire rated assembly connections such as wall-to-wall, floor-to-floor, floor-to-wall, head-of-wall, and bottom-of-wall joints where not inherently tight.
  - C. Curtain Wall Joint Systems. Show what UL or other assembly number is being used for perimeter fire containment systems such as unrated curtain wall-to-rated floor assemblies where not inherently tight.
  - D. Fire stopping. Show what UL or other assembly number is being used for tested systems for each size and type of penetrating object such as metallic and nonmetallic electrical, plumbing, HVAC piping and ductwork, fire protection sprinkler system piping, electrical wiring or conduit through fire resistive assemblies. [IBC Section 712] Provide plumbing details for toilet, shower, and

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tub penetrations at 1-hour fire rated floor assemblies and plumbing penetrations within walls when penetrating 1-hour rated floor assemblies.

- 10. Provide a reflected ceiling plan showing lights, diffusers, exit sign, sprinkler heads, smoke detectors and emergency lights, etc.
- 11. When any floor surface for human occupancy is more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access, the building must comply with the **HIGH RISE CORRECTION LIST**. [IBC 403.1]
- 12. Places of public gathering, such as sports and entertainment arenas, musical amphitheaters, community and convention halls, amusement facilities, fairgrounds, zoos, and specialty event centers in public parks must comply with TCA 68-120-501, et. seq. Women shall have twice as many water closets as the minimum number of water closets or urinals required for men. [Rule 0780-2-18-.03(1)]
- 13. Provide elevator key lock box mounted at 72" AFF to center of the box by each bank of elevators. The lock box must meet the requirements as specified by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (contact the Division of Boiler & Elevator, Mines, Labor Standards, and Research & Statistics for specifications and details) and be operated by a common key.
  - A. University of Tennessee and/or Tennessee Board of Regents residential occupancies containing elevators. [TCA 49-7-136(a)]
  - B. Department of General Services' buildings containing elevators. [TCA 4-3-1114(a)]

# SITE

- Show location and footprint of all existing structures, property lines, grade elevations, water mains and other utilities, fire hydrants, fire department access and all ingress/egress to public ways. Include size and location of LP-Gas storage tanks (2004 NFPA 58) and any other above ground storage tanks (2003 NFPA 30 and 30A, IFC Section 3404, IFC Chapter 38, IFC Chapter 22).
- 2. Fire apparatus access road must meet the following criteria.
  - A. A fire department access road *should* be provided so as to extend to within 50 feet of a single exterior door providing access to the interior of the building; [IFC 504.1]
  - B. Extend to within 150 feet of all portions of the building; [IFC 503.1.1]
  - C. Be 20 feet wide with a 13 feet 6 inches minimum vertical clearance; [IFC 503.2.1]
  - D. Dead-ends cannot exceed 150 feet unless an approved turnaround radius is provided. [IFC 503.2.5] The turning radius *should* be 50 feet. [IFC 503.2.4]
  - E. The grade of the access road *should* not exceed 1 foot drop in 20 feet unless approved by the local fire code official. [IFC 503.2.7 and 503.1.1, Exception 2.]
- 3. Fire hydrants in nonsprinklered buildings must be provided so that any portion of the building's exterior is within 400 feet hose lay of a hydrant measured along vehicle access route (600 feet for sprinklered buildings). [IFC 508.5.1] Check with a local fire code official as some jurisdictions require closer spacing.
- 4. Fire hydrants must have at least a six-inch connection with the main. [2002 NFPA 24 7.1.1 and IFC 508.2.1]
- 5. Fire hydrants must be properly supported. [2002 NFPA 24 7.3 and IFC 508.2.1]

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- 6. Fire hydrant locations for average conditions must be installed at least 40 feet from the building to be protected. [2002 NFPA 24 7.2.3 and IFC 508.2.1]
- 7. Fire service mains must not be routed under buildings, unless special protection is provided. [2002 NFPA 24 10.6 and IFC 508.2.1]
- 8. Where underground water mains and hydrants are to be provided, they must be installed, completed, and in service prior to construction work. [2004 NFPA 241 8.7.2.3]
- 9. Provide the following flow test data on the plans for fire hydrant(s) used to meet the 400 feet or less hose lay requirement in accordance with the local authority having jurisdiction. [IFC 508.5.1 and 2002 NFPA 24 7.2.1] Show flow test data next to the hydrant tested. Flow test must have been conducted within the last six months. Provide test on fire hydrants at 7:00 am and at 5:00 pm.

Α.	Static pressure psi
B.	Residual pressure psi (20 psi minimum*)
C.	Flow gpm (500 gpm minimum*)
D.	Name and address of party responsible for taking test
E.	Date test taken: (Must be within the last 6-months)
F.	Time test taken: a.m./p.m.
G.	Elevation of test hydrant:

- 10. When there are no existing fire hydrants near the building site, provide hydraulic design values for any new proposed site water main(s) and fire hydrant(s). Provide theoretical water supply hydraulic flow (gpm) and residual pressure (psi) design values with preliminary design calculations on the plans furnished by the engineer of record.
- 11. An approved access walkway from the fire apparatus access road to exterior doors and windows shall be provided. [2006 IFC 504.1]
- 12. Show the location of reservoirs, tanks, fire pump house, private fire mains, etc. when local fire water is not available. [2006 IBC 106.1.1, 2006 IFC 508.2]
- 13. Fire hydrants shall:

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- A. Not be obstructed: [2006 IFC 508.5.6]
- B. Have a minimum clear space circumference of 3 feet. [2006 IFC 508.5.6]
- C. Be protected by guards when subject to impact by a motor vehicle. [2006 IFC 508.5.6]

## CONSTRUCTION

1. Building exceeds allowable area/number of stories/height for this type of construction and open space. [IBC Table 503] Sprinklered buildings must comply with 2002 NFPA 13 to receive allowable building code height, area, and number of stories. [IBC Table 503, 504.2, 506.3, 506.4, 508.3.2, 602.1.1]

Show calculations on drawings

<sup>\*</sup> Department of Environment & Conservation Rules and Regulations 1200-5-1-.17 paragraph 18

- 2. A firewall must be 2/3/4-hour fire-resistance rated construction and must be constructed in such a way that the wall will remain standing after the collapse of the structure on either side. [IBC 705.1, 705.2, and Table 705.4] The wall must extend minimum 30 inches above *combustible* roof for vertical continuity. [IBC 705.6; See Exceptions] A firewall must extend not less than 18 inches horizontally past any *combustible* projection or extension of an exterior wall. [IBC 705.5; See Exceptions] The project's structural engineer must state on the drawings that. . . "This wall is a 2/3/4-hour fire resistant wall which extends continuously from the foundation to (noncombustible) or through (combustible) the roof, with sufficient structural stability under fire conditions to allow collapse of the construction on either side without collapse of the wall." Provide details showing how wall is structurally independent at the roof. [IBC 702 Definitions]
- 3. Show on foundation plans and roof details the location and limits of all 2/3/4-hour free standing firewalls. [IBC 702 Definitions.]
- 4. Columns, girders, beams, trusses, lintels, floor and roof construction, interior and exterior bearing and nonbearing walls must be protected in accordance with IBC Tables 601 and 602 for Type \_\_\_\_\_ construction. [IBC 704.5 and Section 714]
- 5. Show assumed property line between buildings and provide protection of facing walls and openings as per IBC Tables 601, 602, and 704.8. [IBC 704.3, 704.5, 704.8, Section 702 Fire Separation Distance, 1406.2.1.1, and 1406.2.1.2]
- 6. Construction Type I and II partitions must be constructed of noncombustible materials or of fire retardant treated wood. [ IBC 603.1]
- 7. Foam plastic roof insulation must be separated from the interior of the building by a thermal barrier unless it complies with FM 4450 or UL 1256. [IBC 2603.4, 2603.4.1, and 2603.4.1.5]
- 8. Draft stopping must be installed in *combustible* concealed locations such as in floors and attics. [IBC 717.1, 717.3, 717.3.1, and 717.4] Specify material to be used. Openings in the partitions must be protected by self-closing doors with automatic latches. [IBC 717.4.1.1] Ventilation of concealed roof spaces must be maintained. [IBC 717.4 and 1203.2]
- 9. In *combustible* construction fireblocking must be installed to cut off both vertical and horizontal concealed draft openings and must form an effective barrier between floors, between a top story and a roof or attic. [IBC 717.2 and 717.2.1]
- 10. An opening not less than 20 inches by 30 inches must be provided to any attic area having a clear height of 30 inches. [IBC 1209.2, 1209.3]
- 11. Provide passageways for appliances in concealed spaces (above ceilings & attic area) [IMC 306]
- 12. Show fire rated occupancy separation between occupancies. [ IBC section508 and tables 508.2, 508.3.3] Show Tenant separation shall run horizontally and vertically. [IBC 708] Such separation must extend through usable crawl space to the ground below. [IBC 708.4]
- 13. Fire rated walls must extend tight against the underside of a roof or floor deck or to the underside of a rated smoke tight ceiling which has the same rating as the [IBC 711.4] Provide details.
- 14. Equipment recessed in a fire rated wall must not decrease the rating of the wall.

[IBC 712.3.2]

- 15. Glazing in 1-hour fire-resistance rated walls must be wired glass or other tested glazing material, in steel frames, no larger than 1296 square inches with no dimension greater than 54 inches. [IBC 715.5, Table 715.5, Table 715.5.3, and 1999 NFPA 80 Chapter 13]
- 16. Glazing in non-rated doors, sliding doors, storm doors, within 24 inches of doors, within 18 inches above finished floor, and exceeding 9 square feet within 36 inches of walking surface must be safety glazed, tempered, and pass the test requirements of CPSC 16-CFR, part 1201 and comply with ANSI Z97.1. [IBC 2406.1, .2, and 2406.3, (6) & (7)]
- 17. Glazing in fire-resistance rated doors must be wired glass or other tested glazing material and must be limited in size according to door rating. [IBC 715.2, 715.4.6, 715.4.4.1 and Table 715.1.3]
- 18. A chair rail or other visual barrier is required at glass panels that may be mistaken for door. [IBC 1013.1 & 2407]
- 19. Specify that fire-resistance rated doors must have fire rated frames, hardware, closers, and other rated accessories. [1999 NFPA 80 1-4 Definition of "Fire Door," 1-6.1, 2-4.7, and IBC 715.4]
- 20. Closers and positive latching hardware are required on fire rated doors and doors in smoke partitions or barriers. [1999 NFPA 80 3-4, and IBC 715.4.7]
- 21. Storage rooms 100 square feet or more, janitors closets, boiler rooms, furnace rooms, and all rooms used for storage or hazardous materials must be protected with 1-hour fire rated walls and 45-minute rated doors <u>or</u> be protected by automatic extinguishing systems with smoke tight partitions and solid core doors with self-closers and positive latching hardware. [IBC Table 508.2].
- 22. Laundry rooms, lab areas, and vocational shops (woodworking), must be 1-hour enclosed with 45-minute rated doors with self-closers and positive latching hardware **and** must be protected by automatic extinguishing system. [IBC Table 508.2]
- 23. Painting Shops not classified as **Group H** must be 2 hour; or 1 hour and provide automatic extinguishing system [IBC Table 508.2]
- 24. Fuel fired water heaters with an aggregate input that exceeds 400,000 BTU must be enclosed in one-hour fire rated construction and 45-minute rated door <u>or</u> be protected by automatic fire extinguishing system and self-closers and positive latching hardware. [IBC 508 Table 508.2, 1015.3]
- 25. Shaft openings thru a floor/ceiling assembly shall be protected by a shaft enclosure complying with IBC 707 and 707.2.
- 26. A shaft that does not extend to or through the underside of the roof deck of the building must be enclosed at the top with construction of the same fire-resistance rating as the top most floor protected by the shaft, but not less than the rating required for the shaft enclosure. [IBC 707.12, and 716.5.3]
- 27. Elevator Machine room ventilation. [IBC 3006]
- 28. Elevators, shafts, and machine rooms must be enclosed with one/two hour fire resistance construction. [IBC 707, 707.14, 3002, 3006]

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- 29. Elevators and dumbwaiter hoist way doors and frames must be labeled. [1999 NFPA 80 Chapter 8-1]
- 30. Show venting of elevator hoist ways serving four stories or more. [IBC 3004.1]
- 31. Rubbish chutes, incinerators, and laundry chutes. [IBC 707.13, 903.2.10.2 and 1999 NFPA 82]
- 32. Incinerator rooms must be 2 hr rated and automatic sprinkler system. [IBC 508 and Table 508.2, 1015.3 and 1999 NFPA 82]
- 33. Atriums must comply with IBC Section 404. Entire building must be sprinklered with smoke control in atrium. [2006 NFPA 92A Smoke-Control Systems Utilizing Barriers and Pressure Differences; 2005 NFPA 92B Smoke Management Systems in Malls, Atria, and Large Spaces; 2002 NFPA 204 Smoke and Heat Venting; and IBC Section 909 Smoke Control Systems] Exhaust fans must be listed to operate for smoke and fire design conditions. [IBC 909.10.1]
  - A. Describe on plans the elements of design (principals of fire dynamics and tenability conditions during the period of occupant egress) for the proper implementation of the smoke control system.
  - B. Provide a narrative for testing protocol and express performance in terms of the measurements and observations that will be performed during final acceptance testing. Testing determines how well actual system performance delivers the design concept.
  - C. Provide an engineering analysis for the proposed smoke control systems used and their methods of operation. [IBC 909.4]
  - D. Equipment required to provide smoke control must be connected to a standby power system. [IBC 404.6]
  - E. An engineered smoke control system must be independently activated by the automatic sprinkler system and manual controls that are readily accessible to the fire department. [IBC 909.12.3] Provide letter from local fire chief accepting location of manual controls.
  - F. The atrium spaces must be separated from adjacent spaces by 1-hour fire-resistance rated walls and 20-minute fire-resistance rated opening assemblies **or** a glass wall forming a smoke partition may be used in lieu of the fire separation wall in fully sprinklered buildings. [IBC 404.5] Glass walls that are tempered and held in place by gasket system are permitted when sprinkler protection is provided on each side of the wall spaced 72" on center and within 12" from the wall arranged so that the entire surface of the glass is wet upon activation of the sprinklers.
  - G. Doors may not be used in place of air intake louvers for a smoke management system. [Office Policy]
- 34. Concession stands must maintain corridor wall rating. Roll-up doors must be activated by smoke detectors. [IBC 715.4.7.3, 715.4.9] Heat detection is permitted if ambient conditions prohibit installation of smoke detection for the concession space side of the roll-up door opening. [IBC 907.2]
- 35. A Central boiler in nonsprinklered buildings must be enclosed with 1-hour fire-resistance rated construction, 45-minute fire rated door with self closers, and positive latching hardware. [IBC 508.2.2]
- 36. Stages exceeding 1,000 square feet, dressing rooms, workshops and storage rooms must be separated from each other by minimum 1-hour fire-resistance rated construction with

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- 45-minute rated door assemblies. [IBC 410.5.2] Where the stage height is greater than 50 feet, the stage must be separated from these spaces by 2-hour rated construction with 90-minute rated door assembly. [IBC 410.5.1]
- 37. Regular stages in excess of 1,000 sf and legitimate stages must be provided with emergency ventilation to provide a means of removing smoke and combustion gases directly to the outside in the event of a fire and must be achieved by one or a combination of the methods specified [IBC 410.3.7]
- 38. Legitimate stages and stage height greater than 50 feet must have minimum two-hour fire-resistance rated proscenium wall. [IBC 410.3.4]
- 39. Stages or platforms must be constructed of materials as required for floors including structural supports based on the construction type of the building (see Exceptions). [IBC 410.3.1]

# Means of Egress

- 1. Provide accessible means of egress to a public way incorporating areas of refuge (when required) per IBC Section 1007. On the level of exit discharge, all means of egress provided must be accessible. [NCAC 6.3.1] Show accessible means of egress with ramps (steps are not acceptable) from each exterior exit door to the parking lot level (the public way is accessed from the parking lot).
- 2. Assembly rooms with an occupancy load per IBC Section 1019 table 1019.1 and Section 1015 table 1015.1 must have 2/3/4 means of egress.
- 3. Main and secondary exits in assembly areas must accommodate one-half of the occupancy load. [IBC 1025.2, .3]
- 4. Where two exits or exit access doors are required from a building or area, they must be separated by one-half or one-third if sprinklered throughout the diagonal dimension of the building or area served. [IBC 1015.2.1]
- 5. Exit stairways must be 1-hour fire-resistance rated construction in building with three or less stories and 2-hour rated in four or more story buildings. [IBC 1020.1]
- 6. Exit stairwell doors must be 1/1½ hour fire-resistance rated **and additionally** in nonsprinklered buildings must be rated so that the unexposed side does not exceed 450°F. [IBC 715.4.4 and Table 715.4]
- 7. Elevators must not open into an exit stairway enclosure. [IBC 1020.1.1 and 3002.7]
- 8. A fire-resistance rated exit enclosure shall provide a continuous protected path of travel to an exit discharge. [IBC 1024.1]
- 9. Doors, windows, and openings in exterior walls of an exit enclosure must be protected by a 45-minute fire-resistance assembly when located within ten feet horizontal projection and extending vertically from the ground to a point ten feet above the topmost landing. [IBC 1020.1.4] The stairways must be separated from the interior of the building by one/two-hour fire-resistance rated construction. [IBC 1020.1]
- 10. Normally unoccupied spaces and hazardous areas may not open into an exit stairwell or exit passageway. [IBC 1020.1.1, 1021.4, and 1009.5.3]

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- 11. A maximum of 50% of the required number and capacity of exit enclosures may discharge through areas on the level of exit discharge when all of the exceptions are met. [IBC 1024]
- 12. One stair must extend to the roof for buildings four or more stories in height above grade plane. [IBC 1009.11]
- 13. Door swing may not reduce landing to less than one-half its required width. [IBC 1009.4]
- 14. Stairs serving upper floors must be separated by a barrier to prevent travel beyond the level of exit discharge. [IBC 1020.1.5]
- Width of stairs must comply with IBC 1009.1. Exits from an area of refuge in unsprinklered buildings must have a minimum 48 inches between handrails. [IBC 1005.1, 1007.3(2), 1009.1, and 1021.2]
- 16. Minimum headroom clearance in stair enclosures must be 80 inches. [IBC 1003.3.1, 1008.1.1, 1009.2, 1009.3 and NCAC 8.2]
- 17. Stair treads must be minimum 11 in. and risers must be maximum 7 in. but not less than 4 in. without square nosing and must be designed in accordance with IBC 1009.3, 1009.3.3, and NCAC 8.2.
- 18. A flight of stairs must not have a vertical rise greater than 12 ft between floor levels or landings. [IBC 1009.6]
- 19. Changes in elevation (ramps) 6" or more shall required handrails both sides. [IBC 1010.8]
- 20. New handrails must be installed to provide a clearance of not less than 11/2" between the handrail and the wall to which it is fastened. [IBC 1012.6]
- 21. Handrails are required on both sides of stairs with extensions and mounted between 34 in. and 38 in. measured vertically to the top of the railing from the top of a stair tread nosing. [IBC 1009.10, 1012.2, NCAC 8.3.2, and 8.3.3] Guards must be provided at the open side of a means of egress that exceed 30 in. above the floor or grade below. [IBC Section 1013] Guards must not be mounted less than 42 in. high [IBC 1013.2]
- 22. Rooms containing high-pressure boilers, commercial refrigeration machinery, large transformers or other service equipment subject to possible explosion must not be located directly under, above, or adjacent to required exits from an assembly area.
- 23. Egress must not be through kitchens, storage rooms, closets, or any space identified as a hazardous location. [IBC 1014.2]
- 24. Two exit access doorways are required from boiler, incinerator, or furnace rooms which exceed 500 square feet and any fuel fired equipment that exceeds 400,000 BTU input capacity. [IBC 1015.3] Maximum distance of travel to an egress door must not exceed 50 feet in nonsprinklered buildings
- 25. Exit access corridors must not have less than forty four inches (44") of clear width. [IBC 1017.2]
- 25. Corridors serving 30 people or more must be 1-hour fire-resistance rated construction with 20-minute fire rated door and hardware assemblies. [IBC 1017.1, Table 1017.1,
- 27. Fire-resistance rated corridors must be continuous from the point of entry to an exit and must not be interrupted by intervening rooms (see Exception). [IBC 1017.5]

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- 28. Dead ends in exits and exit access must not exceed 20 feet. [IBC 1017.3] Common path of travel must not exceed 75 feet. [IBC 1014.3]
- 29. The floor on both sides of any door must be substantially level. [IBC 1008.1.4]
- Doors opening onto a corridor of minimum required width must swing 180 degrees and not reduce the required corridor width to less than one-half during its swing. [IBC 1005.2]
- 31. Each leaf of door in the means of egress must provide 32 in. clear opening (see Exceptions) and a minimum height of 80" (6'-8"), but in no case must any single door exceed 48 in. [IBC 1008.1.1]
- 32. Doors serving 50 or more people and stairway doors must swing with the direction of exit travel. [IBC 1008.1.2]
- 33. Every room or space with a capacity of 50 or more persons or where travel distance exceeds 75 feet within the room, at least two means of egress must be provided. [IBC 1015.1 and Table 1015.1] Provide a door in the folding partition
- 34. Panic hardware is required on all doors with a latch or lock in the means of egress from an area of an assembly having an occupant load of 50 or more. [IBC 1008.1.9] Only approved fire exit hardware shall be used on fire doors.
- 36. Show that power operated doors are capable of being manually opened to permit exit travel in the event of a power failure. [IBC 1008.1.3.2]
- 37. Aisle access ways serving seating within assembly areas must be in accordance with IBC 1025.9, 1025.10
- 38. For balconies or galleries having a seating capacity of 50 or more located in Group A occupancies, at least two means of egress shall be provided, with one from each side of every balcony or gallery and at least one leading directly to an exit. [IBC 1025.5]
- 39. The clear width of aisles and other means of egress shall comply with Section 1025.6.1 where smoke-protected seating is not provided and with Section 1025.6.2 or 1025.6.3 where smoke-protected seating is provided. The clear width shall be measured to walls, edges of seating and tread edges except for permitted projections. [IBC 1025.6]
- 40. Balcony must have guardrails. [IBC 1025.14]
- 41. Every assembly area shall have the occupant load posted in a conspicuous place near the main exit of the room. [IBC 1004.3]
- 42. The minimum clear width for aisles shall be as shown per IBC & IFC 1025.9, 1025.10:
  - A. For aisle stair having seating on each side, 48 inches
  - B. For aisle stair having seating on only one side, 36 inches
  - C. Between an aisle stair handrail or guard and seating where the aisle is subdivided by a handrail, 23 inches
  - D. For level or ramped aisles having seating on both sides, 42 inches
  - E. Aisle stair treads must not be less than 11 in. [NFPA 101 12.2.5.6.5]
  - F. For level or ramped aisles having seating on only one side, 36 inches
  - G. Dead-end aisles shall not be greater than 20 feet in length, IBC & IFC 1025.9.5(1).

- 43. Where there is an astragal or projecting latch bolt that prevents the inactive door of a pair of doors from closing and latching before the active door closes and latches, a coordinating device shall be used. A coordinating device shall not be required where each door closes and latches independent of the other door. [NFPA 80 2-4.1.1]
- 44. Astragals and coordinators are required on more than 1½-hour fire rated doors swinging in pairs. [1999 NFPA 80 2-4.7.1 and 3-4.2]
- 45. Doors, windows, and openings within ten feet horizontal projection and extending vertically from the ground to a point ten feet above the topmost landing must be 45-minute fire protected. [IBC 1020.1.4] And the stairs must be separated from the interior of the building by one hour construction. Interior stairs must be separated in accordance with IBC & IFC 1020.1.4.
- 46. Smoke barriers (or horizontal exits, direct exits, or exits to an enclosed area of refuge) are required where there are more than 50 people per floor, where there are residents sleeping, to limit the number of residents in the compartment to 200, and to limit travel distance to 100 feet from any door or 150 feet from any point in a room. [IBC & IFC 408.6]
- 47. Door swinging in pairs and having a fire protection rating of more than 1½ hours shall have an overlapping astragal. [NFPA 80 2-4.7.1]
- 48. Doors swinging in pairs, where located within a means of egress, shall not be equipped with astragals that inhibit the free use of either leaf. These forces shall be applied at the latch stile to achieve the minimum require width. [NFPA 80 2-4.7.2]
- 49. An enclosed elevator lobby shall be provided at each floor where an elevator shaft enclosure connects more than three stories. The lobby shall separate the elevator shaft enclosure doors from each floor by fire partitions equal to the fire-resistance rating of the corridor and the required opening protection. Elevator lobbies shall have at least one means of egress complying with Chapter 10 and other provisions within this code. [IBC 707.14.1]
- 50. Where elevators are provided in buildings four or more stories above grade plane or four or more stories below grade plane, at least one elevator shall be provided for fire department emergency access to all floors. The elevator car shall be of such a size and arrangement to accommodate a 24-inch by 84-inch (610 mm by 1930 mm) ambulance stretcher in the horizontal, open position and shall be identified by the international symbol for emergency medical services (star of life). The symbol shall not be less than 3 inches (76 mm) high and shall be placed inside on both sides of the hoistway door frame. [IBC 3002.4]

## Interior

- Interior finish in enclosed stairways must be Class A and exit access corridors, lobbies, and classrooms must be Class A or B in nonsprinklered buildings. [IBC 803.1, 803.5, and Table 803.5]
- Interior finish in general assembly areas with occupant loads of more than 300 must be Class A or B and assembly spaces with 300 or fewer occupants must be Class A, B or C in nonsprinklered buildings. [IBC Table 803.5]
- 3. Fixed or moveable walls and partitions, paneling, wall pads, and crash pads, applied structurally or for decoration, acoustical correction, surface insulation or other purposes, must be Class A or B in nonsprinklered buildings. [IBC Table 803.5]

- 4. Carpet in corridors, stairs, and lobbies of nonsprinklered buildings must withstand 0.22 watts/cm², Radiant Panel Test (Class II). [IBC 804.4.1]
- 5. Carpet on walls and ceilings must be Class A. [IBC 803.6]
- 6. Folding partitions must comply with interior finish requirements. [IBC Section 802]

#### Mechanical

- 1. Penetrations of stairwells such as steam lines, gas lines, water lines, electrical conduit, and duct are prohibited. Only sprinkler piping, standpipes, electrical conduit serving the stairwell and ductwork and other equipment necessary for stair pressurization are permitted. [IBC 1020.1.2]
- 2. Fire dampers are required where ductwork penetrates a one or more hour fire-resistance rated wall. [IMC Section 607 and IBC 716.5] Fire dampers may be omitted in 1-hour fire partitions where the duct penetrating the wall is not larger than 100 in², the duct does not terminate at a wall register, steel duct material is 0.0217 in. thick, and the duct is located above the ceiling. [IBC 716.5.4 and IMC 607.5.3]
- 3. Ductwork penetrating a fire-resistance rated horizontal assembly such as a floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assembly must be enclosed within a fire rated shaft: 1-hour up to 3-stories and 2-hours for 4-stories or more. Fire dampers may be used in lieu of a shaft where only one floor is penetrated. [IBC 716.6.1, IMC 607.6.1]
- 4. Ductwork penetrating non-fire rated floor/ceiling horizontal assemblies must be equipped with a fire damper where the duct connects no more than 3-stories. Ducts connecting 4 or more stories must be enclosed in a 2-hour fire rated shaft. [IBC 716.6.3 and IMC 607.6.3]
- 5. Provide combination fire/smoke dampers in transfer air grille openings through fire rated walls. A smoke damper is required at transfer openings for unrated walls that must resist the passage of smoke such as a smoke partition or smoke barrier.

  [IBC 716.5, 712.3.3 and IMC 607.5]
- 6. Smoke dampers must be installed in duct penetrations of smoke barriers unless the duct is a part of a smoke removal system. [IBC 716.5.5, IMC 607.5.4]
- 7. Ceiling dampers or other methods of protecting openings in rated floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assemblies must comply with the construction details of the tested floor/roof/ceiling assemblies, with listed ceiling air diffusers, or listed ceiling dampers. [IBC 716.6, IMC 607.6]
- 8. HVAC systems greater than 2,000 cfm must have a duct mounted smoke detector mounted in the return air stream duct or plenum upstream of any filters, exhaust air connections, outdoor air connections, or decontamination equipment and appliances. [IBC 606.2.1 and IMC 606.2.1 ] These smoke detectors must be wired to a fire alarm system when one is provided in a constantly attended location for supervisory signals. [IBC 606.4.1 and IMC 606.4.1] See requirements for buildings not equipped with an approved fire alarm system.
- 9. HVAC return air riser systems serves two or more stories and serve any portion of a return air system having a design capacity greater than 15,000 cfm must have duct mounted smoke detector shutdown at each story. [IBC 606.2.3] These smoke detectors must be wired to a fire alarm system when one is provided in a constantly attended location for

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- supervisory signals. [IBC 606.4.1] See requirements for buildings not equipped with an approved fire alarm system.
- 10. Corridors must not serve as supply, return, exhaust, relief, or ventilation air ducts. [IBC 1017.4]
- 11. Materials exposed to plenum airflow must be noncombustible or limited combustible and have a maximum smoke developed index of 50. [IBC 717.5 and IMC 602.2.1]
- 12. Provide information showing how combustion air and ventilation are provided for the room containing fuel fired equipment. Show size, free area, location of vents within 12 in. above finished floor and 12 in. below ceiling. [IMC 701.2] Provide corrosion-resistant exterior screen for combustion air openings to the outside. [IMC 710.1 and Table 401.5]
- 13. Provide commercial kitchen hood ventilation system *Design Intent* information by a Tennessee registered engineer. See the attached kitchen Hood and Duct Design Intent Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations correction list.
- 14. Gas lines may not penetrate a 2/3/4-hour fire-resistance firewall. The areas are considered separate buildings. [2006 IFGC 409.3.2 and IBC 705.1]
- 15. An independent ventilation system that is not part of any other exhaust system must be provided for hazardous emissions including flammable vapors, gases, fumes, mists, etc. [IMC 510.4]
- 16. Chimney, vent, or sanitary sewer exhaust outlets within ten feet of fresh air intakes must be at least two feet higher than the intake. [IMC 401.4.1]
- 17. Dryer ducts must be installed per the equipment manufacturer's instructions or the methods described in IMC Section 504.
- 18. Mechanical systems must be designed and installed to resist earthquake forces based on IBC seismic design loads. [IMC 301.15]
- 19. Fans used in a smoke management system for atria, malls or other large areas, must be listed exhaust fans that operate at design conditions for smoke and fire. The system must meet UL category UUKL.

# Fire Suppression

- 1. An automatic sprinkler system is required throughout. Assembly occupancies with more than 300 people must be sprinklered *throughout the story containing the assembly occupancy* unless they meet the exceptions. [IBC 903.2.1]
- 2. Provide automatic sprinkler system *Design Intent* information by a Tennessee registered engineer. See the attached Sprinkler Design Intent correction list.
- 3. Complete automatic sprinkler system *Shop Drawings* must for reviewed and approved prior to installation after a Pans Approval for this building has been issued. Shop drawing information is generally a stipulation on the plans upon initial approval of the project. [Rule 0780-2-3-.03(2)] *You do not need to respond to this item at this time.*
- 4. A Class I wet standpipe system must be provided in all sprinklered buildings or Class III in nonsprinklered buildings where the highest floor is 30 feet above the lowest level of fire department access. [IBC 905.3.1] A standpipe hose outlet must be located at each

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- intermediate stair landing in all required exit stairways. [IBC 905.4] See the attached Standpipe Design Intent correction list.
- 5. Provide a 1½ in. standpipe hose outlet on each side of a legitimate or regular stage (1,000 sf) when the building is fully sprinklered. [IBC 905.3.4] Provide a Class III standpipe system for nonsprinklered buildings.
- 6. Provide a fire pump system schematic with all component parts and alarms. [IBC 913, IFC 913 and 2003 NFPA 20] See the attached Fire Pump Design Intent correction list.
- 7. Windowless stories in all occupancies. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in the locations set forth in IBC Sections 903.2.10.1 through 903.2.10.1.3.
- 8. Other required suppression systems. In addition to the requirements of Section 903.2, the provisions indicated in Table 903.2.13 also require the installation of a suppression system for certain buildings and areas.
- Buildings 55 feet or more in height. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout buildings with a floor level having an occupant load of 30 or more that is located 55 feet (16 764 mm) or more above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. IBC 903.2.10.3
- 10. All stages greater than 1,000 sf in middle, junior high, and high schools must be sprinklered including all auxiliary spaces and dressing rooms, storerooms, and workshops (see Exceptions). [NFPA 101 12.4.5.10 and IBC 410.6]
- 11. Portable fire extinguishers must be provided. [IFC 906, Table 906.1 and 2002 NFPA 10]

## Electrical

- 1. Provide emergency lighting for assembly areas, stairways, aisles, corridors, exitways, normally occupied windowless spaces, labs, shops, all flexible and open plan buildings and to *path of egress travel to a public way* (located at the exterior side of all required exterior exit doors). [IBC Section 1006 and IFC 605.2, 1006]
- 2. Emergency lighting must have stand-by power source (2005 NFPA 70 Article 700, IBC 1006.3, IFC 604.2.4 and 1006.3) and automatically provide the required illumination in the event of any interruption of normal lighting in areas where emergency lighting is required by IBC 1006.1 due to any of the following:
  - A. Failure of a public utility or other outside electrical power supply.
  - B. Opening of a circuit breaker or fuse.
  - C. Manual act(s), including accidental opening of a switch controlling normal lighting facilities.
- 3. Exit signs must be visible from all directions of travel. [IBC 1011.1] Tactile exit signage must be located at each exit door requiring an exit sign. [IBC 1011.3 and IFC 1011]
- 4. Exit signs must have an emergency power source or be a listed self-illuminating type sign. [IBC 1011.5.3, 2005 NFPA 70 700.12(F), IFC 604.2.3 and 1011.5.3]
- 5. Recessed light fixtures in fire-resistance rated ceilings must be protected or be listed for use in a rated assembly. [IBC 712.4.1.2]

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- 6. A fire alarm system with an emergency power source is required. [IBC 907.2, 2002 NFPA 72 4.4, IFC 907.2 and 907.5]
  - A. Provide a manual fire alarm initiation system (see Exceptions). [IBC 907.2 and IFC 907.2, 907.2.3]
  - B. Provide audible and visible signal alarm notification. [2002 NFPA 72 7.5, 2002 NCAC 17.1.2, IBC 907.9 and IFC 907.10]
  - C. Fire alarm occupant notification for assembly occupancies over 300 occupants such as gymnasiums, auditoriums, and cafeterias must be by visual signals and prerecorded evacuation signal. [IBC 907.2.1 and IFC 907.2.1]
  - D. Emergency forces notification is required and must transmit the alarm automatically. [IBC 907.14 and IFC 907.15]
- 7. An automatic sprinkler system when installed must be connected to the fire alarm system. [IBC 903.4 and IFC 903.1]
- 8. Show the following electrical and fire alarm connections on plans.
  - A. Location of connections of all air handling shutdowns.
  - B. Location of connections to the kitchen hood fire extinguishing system that activates the fire alarm system.
  - C. Location of all connections for required cooking equipment shutdowns such as shunt trip circuit breakers and gas solenoid valves unless a mechanical gas line shut-off is specified.
  - D. Location of flow switch or alarm check valve connection to the general building alarm and central station or fire department.
  - E. Location of supervisory alarm connection from tamper switches on sprinkler system water control valves.
- Automatic smoke detection must be provided at each fire alarm control panel (excludes annunciator panels) in areas not continuously occupied that contain controlling equipment. [2002 NFPA 72 4.4.5] Heat detection is permitted if ambient conditions prohibit installation of smoke detection.
- Smoke detectors controlling hold open devices must be located in accordance with 2002 NFPA 72 5.14.6. Hold open devices must release and must be supervised by the fire alarm system. [IBC 715.4.7.3 and IFC 703.2.2] PROVIDE SECTION
- 11. Provide manual fire alarm pull station(s)/ fire alarm notification(s)/ smoke detectors at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. [IBC 907.3]
- 12. Provide dBA ratings of all audible notification devices on drawings next to each notification device. [NFPA 72 7.4 and Table A.7.4.2] In residential sleeping areas, dBA at the pillow must be whichever is greater at least 75 dBA, 15 dBA above the average ambient sound level or 5 dBA above the maximum sound level having a duration of at least 60 seconds. If any barrier, such as a door, curtain, or retractable partition, is located between the notification appliance and the pillow, the sound pressure level shall be measured with the barrier placed between the appliance and the pillow. [NFPA 72 7.4.4.1, 7.4.4.2 and IBC 907.9.2, and IFC 907.10.2]
- 13. Provide the candela (cd) rating of all visible notification devices on drawings next to each signaling device. [NFPA 72 7.5, Table 7.5.4.1.1, IBC 907.9.1 and IFC 907.10.1]
- 14. Coordinate the location of the manual pull station for activating the kitchen fire extinguishing system (manual pull station shall be located along the path of egress). [NFPA 96 10.5, IBC 904.11.1 and IFC 904.11.1]

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- 15. A zoning indicator panel and the associated controls shall be provided in an approved location. The visual zone indication shall lock in until the system is reset and shall not be canceled by the operation of an audible alarm-silencing switch. [IBC 907.8.1 and IFC 907.9.1]
- 16. Each floor must be zoned separately and no zone may exceed 22,500 sf for the fire alarm system in nonsprinklered buildings. [IBC 907.8 and IFC 907.9]
- 17. Where the emergency generator is used for back-up power, it must provide power within 10 seconds. [2005 NFPA 70 700.12]
- 18. The fire alarm control panel or an annunciating device must be located in an area where trouble signals can be monitored (audibly and visually). [NFPA 72 4.4.3.5, 4.4.6] This is to be distinguished from a general alarm system.
- 19. Provide note on drawings stating the following: "All required documentation regarding the design of fire detection, alarm, and communications systems and the procedures for maintenance, inspection, and testing of fire detection, alarm, and communications systems shall be maintained at an approved, secured location for the life of the system." [IFC 901.6.2.1]
- 20. The Fire Alarm Control Panel circuit disconnecting means shall have a red marking, shall be accessible only to authorized personnel, and shall be identified as "FIRE ALARM CIRCUIT." The location of the circuit disconnecting means shall be permanently identified at the fire alarm control unit. [NFPA 72 4.4.1.4.2.2 and 4.4.1.4.2.3]
- 21. Electrical outlet boxes located on opposite sides of rated walls must be separated by a horizontal distance of 24 in. [IBC 712.3.2 and IFC 703.1]
- 22. Provide balanced electrical panel load schedules. [2005 NFPA 70 Article 220]
- 23. Provide a minimum 3 ft horizontal, 6½ ft vertical, and 30 in. width working space in front of electrical equipment. [2005 NFPA 70 110.26(A)(1-3), Table 110.26(A)(1) and IFC 605.3] Working spaces may not be used for storage and may not contain ductwork, piping, etc.
- 24. There must be one entrance not less than 32 in. wide and 6½ ft high at each end of the working space for electrical equipment rated for 1,200 amperes or more containing overcurrent devices, switching devices, or control devices. [2005 NFPA 70 110.26(C)(2)] Both entrances shall open in the direction of the egress and be equipped with panic bars, pressure plates, or other devices that are normally latched but open under simple pressure.
- 25. Dry-type transformer installed indoors and rated 112½ kVA or less must have a separation of at least 12 in. from combustible material unless separated from the combustible material by a fire-resistant, heat-insulated barrier. [2005 NFPA 70 450.21(A)]
- 26. Individual dry-type transformers of more than 112½ kVA rating must be installed in a transformer room of minimum 1-hour fire-resistance construction unless specified otherwise. [2005 NFPA 70 450.21(B)]
- 27. Unless otherwise required by the authority having jurisdiction, only the elevator lobby, elevator hoistways, and the elevator machine room smoke detectors or other automatic fire detection as permitted by NFPA 72 6.15.3.7 shall be used to recall elevators for fire fighters' service. [NFPA 72 6.15.3.3]

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